

Message Text

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ACTION MMO-02

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FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3889

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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: AODE, ETRD, HK
SUBJECT: TREASURY PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A CUSTOMS INSPECTOR
POSITION AT HONG KONG

REF: STATE 26156

1. POST IS MAKING EFFORTS TO REDUCE STAFF WHERE POSSIBLE
OR AT A MINIMUM TO HOLD STAFF AT CURRENT LEVEL. ALTHOUGH WE
DO NOT RULE OUT INCREASES WHEN FULLY JUSTIFIED BY CIRCUM-
STANCES, WE DO NOT REGARD AN INCREASE IN WORKLOAD AS
SUFFICIENT JUSTIFICATION IN ITSELF.

2. IN THIS CASE WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE PREMISE THAT STAFFING
SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY A WORKLOAD WHICH IN TURN DEPENDS
ON WHATEVER THE SEVERAL OPERATING CUSTOMS OFFICES THROUGH-
OUT THE UNITED STATES, ALL OPERATING WITHOUT COORDINATION,
DECIDE TO SEND TO THE POST. AS IT TURNS OUT, HOWEVER,
THERE IS SOME CONTROL. DESPITE TREASURY/CUSTOMS STATEMENT
(REFTEL) THAT CASE LOADS CANNOT BE SUBSTANTIALLY LOWERED
BY MANAGEMENT FROM WASHINGTON, THE SAME MESSAGE NOTES THAT
FILED OFFICES HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO CURTAIL INVESTI-
GATIVE INQUIRIES TO OVERSEAS POSTS.

3. WHATEVER THE CONTROL SYSTEM, IT SEEMS TO BE WORKING.
THE FLOW OF NEW CASES IS SLWING DOWN WITH THE RESULT
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THAT THE BACKLOG OF THE HONG KONG OFFICE HAS BEEN
REDUCED FROM 190 CASES IN SEPTEMBER TO 106 NOW WITH
VERY FEW OVER ONE YEAR OLD. THIS STRIKES US AS A
GOOD RECORD SINCE CUSTOM SERVICE'S WORLDWIDE OBJEC-
TIVE FOR FY 77 IS TO REDUCE THE INCREASE IN THE BACKLOG
TO 5 PERCENT.

4. I THEREFORE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT INCREASE
IN PERMANENT CUSTOM STAFF HERE IS NOT WARRANTED. I
ALSO RECOMMEND THAT THE NEW CONTROL SYSTEM BE KEPT
IN EFFECT TO PREVENT ANOTHER BACKLOG PROBLEM FROM
ARISING.
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Message Attributes

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